

House Proposal of Amendment

S. 91

An act relating to procedures of the Judicial Nominating Board and qualifications of candidates for the positions of Justice, judge, magistrate, and Chair and member of the Public Service Board.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 4 V.S.A. § 601(d), by striking out “ ~~shall~~ may” and inserting in lieu thereof “shall”

Second: In Sec. 2, 4 V.S.A. § 602, in subdivision (c)(1), by adding a second sentence to read as follows:

The Board may make exceptions to the five-year requirement for absences from practice for reasons including family, military, academic, or medical leave.

Third: In Sec. 1, 4 V.S.A. § 601(b) by striking out subdivision (5) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(5) ~~The members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of two years and may serve for no more than three terms. The members of the Board elected by the House and Senate shall serve for terms of two years and may serve for no more than three consecutive terms. The members of the Board elected by the attorneys at law shall serve for terms of two years and may serve for no more than three consecutive terms. All appointments or elections shall be between January 1 and February 1 of each odd-numbered year, except to fill a vacancy. A House vacancy that occurs when the General Assembly is adjourned shall be filled by the Speaker of the House and a Senate vacancy that occurs when the General Assembly is adjourned shall be filled by the Senate Committee on Committees. Members shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed. Members shall serve no more than three consecutive terms in any capacity.~~